

Dear Commissioners:

As a resident in Las Vegas for more than 39 years, I recently have had to face my son's drug problem. He is a heroin addict and currently under Methadone treatment. When this problem began, I did not know any of the tell tale signs or warnings. I wish I had. I might have been able to nip this problem in the bud. But I just could not easily find the answers. I called several drug "hotlines" and they presented a high pressure sales person that wanted me to book my son Matthew into their 2,000 mile away cottage for high cost rehabilitation. I just don't feel that there is enough information available to parents and children on the danger of drugs and how to tell if your child is on them. Even locally I forwarded the names of the pushers and their contact numbers to the police and nothing has happened. I want to put my money where my mouth is and help families in my area. But what I want to do is almost impossible. Here is my request:

I want to obtain a LOW POWER FM EDUCATIONAL NON PROFIT radio license so that I can spread the dangers and warnings about drugs. I will fund this entirely myself and have local programming that presents all of the issues about drugs and how to keep children and adults off of them. Presently there are twelve applicants in Las Vegas. . These other applicants have other missions in mind such as religious shows, diversity, etc. I think my intentions are unique and will be of greater importance than most.

The FCC has provisions for licenses of this nature and here is a brief summary for your perusal:

The LPFM service is a noncommercial radio service. Eligible licensees will be noncommercial government or private educational organizations, associations or entities, and government or non-profit entities providing local public safety or transportation services. Individuals will not be eligible to apply for LPFM stations.

To foster local ownership and diversity, during the two years of LPFM license eligibility, licensees will be limited to local entities that are physically headquartered, or have a campus, or have 75% of their board members residing within 10 miles of the station. In addition, during the first two years, no entity may own more than one LPFM station in any community. In order to create opportunities for new voices on the airwaves, no existing broadcaster or other media entity subject to our ownership rules will be eligible for an LPFM station.

I believe my category would fit into the issue of public safety. After all, what could be more important than keeping our society free from drug use by producing local programming on anti-drug information. My company has been sending the anti-drug message out for the last eight years when doing shows and hosting students at our Houdini Museum.

I am asking a special favor, perhaps you can not help and I understand, but I have seen far more unusual ideas develop. I want to assure you that my request is sincere and I do not represent any other entity. I have absolutely do not want monetary gain in this request. Nor do I have any intentions of selling the idea to a third party for profit.

In the last election I did not see either candidate consider the drug problem in our country an issue. I think it is one of the most important issues we face. It affects everyone in this country. Knowledge and education from the grass roots is the solution.

I have never asked any favor of my government, but I would respectfully request that you please help me. I think it is time for me to put my money where my mouth is and help my community. I hope you will seriously consider my request.

Sincerely,

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